

Preface

The book has gone into its second edition within a period of just four years; and within this span there has been enormous development in the area of family law—primarily through judicial pronouncements. While all effort has been made to thoroughly update the book, it is common knowledge that innumerable judgments are being passed every other day by various courts across the country. Thus significant judgments would have inevitably come up during the interregnum, which could not be incorporated. The author shall be personally grateful if errors of omission and commission are brought to her notice so that these could be rectified in, hopefully, future editions.

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Preface to the First Edition

Laws governing family and marital relationships form an important component of course content in law teaching. While there is no dearth of material on the subject, it cannot be denied either that there is a need for books specially catering to the needs of law students, who have to prepare as many as 30 to 40 papers for an LLB degree (three years or five years course). Learning is a never-ending process. However, when students are involved, the limitations of time and levels of intellectual maturity within which they have to prepare themselves, need to be kept in mind. Thus the idea of this book is to provide knowledge and grasp of the subject, sufficient to equip a student for the examination.

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